AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A method for maintaining a dynamic reference repository, comprising:

discovering pertinent input(s) to the dynamic reference repository;

retrieving the pertinent input(s) to the dynamic reference repository, the discovering and retrieving performed by an automated software agent;

managing the pertinent input(s) to the dynamic reference repository; and

distributing the pertinent input(s) to update the dynamic reference repository.

2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, ~~that~~ further ~~comprises~~ comprising the automated software agent cataloging the pertinent input(s) to the dynamic reference repository.

3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, ~~that~~ further comprises the automated software agent maintaining the pertinent input(s) to the dynamic reference repository.

4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the automated software agent is customizable by a user to define a customizable agent, and wherein the customizable agent searches, discovers, and retrieves ~~discover and retrieve~~ the pertinent input(s) to the dynamic reference repository.

5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 4, wherein the customizable agent searches, discovers, and retrieves ~~discover and retrieve~~ the pertinent input(s) from Internet or intranet resources.

6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 4, wherein the customizable agent searches, discovers, and retrieves ~~discover and retrieve~~ the pertinent input(s) from subject matter experts (SMEs).

7. (Currently amended) The method of claim 6, wherein the customizable agent ~~searches~~ further ~~comprise~~ comprises utilities to conduct SME reviews, assessments or interviews.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein pertinent input(s) are contained in communications addressed to the dynamic reference repository.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the communications addressed to the dynamic reference repository are e-mails addressed to the dynamic reference repository.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the customizable agent searches are developed using a graphical user interface (GUI) that interfaces with the dynamic reference repository.

11. (Currently amended) The method of claim 10, wherein the GUI allows a user to perform one or more of the following: develop, customize, ~~and~~/or manage the customizable agent searches.

12. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein discovering the pertinent input(s) further comprises one or more of the following: running periodic ~~and~~/or prioritized customizable agent searches of reference materials(s).

13. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the customizable agent searches are neutral to data type.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the data type comprises electronic forms that further comprise MS Office, web document, and e-mail document compatible forms.

15. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the dynamic reference repository comprises at least one database.

16. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein discovering the pertinent input(s) further comprises automated time stamping of the discovered pertinent input(s)~~discovery~~.

17. (Currently amended) A dynamic reference repository system for maintaining a dynamic reference repository, the system comprising ~~that comprises~~:

at least one database;

at least one resource operable coupled to the dynamic reference repository; and

a processing module operable coupled to the at least one database and operable to execute a set of instructions to:

identify pertinent input(s) to the dynamic reference repository within the at least one resource;

retrieve the pertinent input(s) to the dynamic reference repository from the at least one resource;

manage the pertinent input(s) to the dynamic reference repository; and

distribute the pertinent input(s) to update the dynamic reference repository.

18. (Original) The dynamic reference repository of claim 17, wherein the processing module is further operable to catalog the pertinent input(s) to the dynamic reference repository.

19. (Original) The dynamic reference repository of claim 17, wherein the processing module is further operable to maintain the pertinent input(s) to the dynamic reference repository.

20. (Original) The dynamic reference repository of claim 17, wherein customizable agent(s) search and retrieve the pertinent input(s) to the dynamic reference repository from the at least one resource.

21. (Currently amended) The dynamic reference repository of claim 20, wherein the at least one resource comprises at least one of the following: Internet, intranet, ~~and/~~or subject matter experts (SMEs) resources.

22. (Original) The dynamic reference repository of claim 20, wherein a user interface allows users to manage the customizable agent(s).

23. (Original) The dynamic reference repository of claim 20, wherein the customizable agent searches further comprise utilities to conduct SME reviews, assessments or interviews.

24. (Original) The dynamic reference repository of claim 17, wherein an interface to the at least one database receives pertinent input(s) contained within communications addressed to the dynamic reference repository.

25. (Original) The dynamic reference repository of claim 24, wherein the communications addressed to the dynamic reference repository are e-mails addressed to the dynamic reference repository.

26. (Currently amended) The dynamic reference repository of claim 24, wherein the interface allows a user to perform at least one of the following: develop, customize, ~~and/~~or manage the customizable agent(s).

27. (Currently amended) The dynamic reference repository of claim ~~24~~20, wherein the customizable agent(s) are neutral to data type.

28. (Original) The dynamic reference repository of claim 27, wherein the data type comprises electronic forms that further comprise MS Office, web document, and e-mail document compatible forms.

29. (Currently amended) The dynamic reference repository of claim 17, wherein the processing module is further operable to discover the pertinent input(s) by executing at least one of periodic ~~and/~~or prioritized searches of reference material(s) within the at least one resource.

30. (Original) The dynamic reference repository of claim 17, wherein the processing module is further operable to time stamp the pertinent input(s).

31. (Currently amended) A method for populating a dynamic reference repository, comprising:

discovering pertinent input(s) to the dynamic reference repository;

retrieving the pertinent input(s) to the dynamic reference repository, wherein automated customizable software agent(s) search for, discover, and retrieve the pertinent input(s) to the dynamic reference repository from Internet or intranet accessible resources;

managing the pertinent input(s) to the dynamic reference repository;

cataloging the pertinent input(s) to the dynamic reference repository; and

distributing the pertinent input(s) to populate the dynamic reference repository.

32. (Currently amended) The method of claim 31, wherein customizable agent(s) further search for, discover, and retrieve the pertinent input(s) from subject matter experts (SMEs), and wherein the customizable agent(s) further comprise utilities to conduct SME reviews, assessments or interviews.

33. (Original) The method of claim 31, wherein pertinent input(s) are contained in electronic communications addressed to the dynamic reference repository.

34. (Currently amended) An enterprise architecture including a dynamic reference repository system having a dynamic reference repository, that comprises:

at least one database;

at least one resource operable coupled to the dynamic reference repository; and

a processing module operable coupled to the at least one database operable to execute a set of instructions to:

identify pertinent input(s) to the dynamic reference repository within the at least one resource;

retrieve the pertinent input(s) to the dynamic reference repository from the at least one resource;

manage the pertinent input(s) to the dynamic reference repository; and

distribute the pertinent input(s) to update the dynamic reference repository.

35. (Withdrawn) A method to populate a dynamic reference repository to support a project, comprising:

identifying capabilities to be associated with the project;

identifying requirements based on the capabilities associated with the project;

identifying technologies based on the capabilities associated with the project;

refining the requirements, technologies and capabilities based on subject matter expert input;

searching for and retrieving pertinent input(s) to the dynamic reference repository based on the requirements, technologies, subject matter expert input, and capabilities; and

distributing the pertinent input(s) to populate the dynamic reference repository.